

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

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10/12/2004

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for approval of a revision of an information collection received on 08/19/2004.

TITLE: Northeast Region Logbook Family of Forms

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): None

ACTION : APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE

OMB NO.: 0648-0212

EXPIRATION DATE: 07/31/2005

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$,000)
Previous	80,190	10,882	35
New	80,560	10,907	35
Difference	370	25	0
Program Change		25	0
Adjustment		0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

OMB Authorizing Official	Title
Donald R. Arbuckle	Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated 5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
7. Title	
8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>)	
9. Keywords	
10. Abstract	
11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals or households d. <input type="checkbox"/> Farms b. <input type="checkbox"/> Business or other for-profit e. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government c. <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit institutions f. <input type="checkbox"/> State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Application for benefits e. <input type="checkbox"/> Program planning or management b. <input type="checkbox"/> Program evaluation f. <input type="checkbox"/> Research c. <input type="checkbox"/> General purpose statistics g. <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory or compliance d. <input type="checkbox"/> Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ Phone: _____

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)	
Signature	Date
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer	
Signature	Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
NORTHEAST REGION LOGBOOK FAMILY OF FORMS
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0212**

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) has the responsibility for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. Much of this responsibility has been delegated to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries). Under this stewardship role, the Secretary was given certain regulatory authorities to ensure the most beneficial uses of these resources. One of the regulatory steps taken to carry out the conservation and management objectives is to collect data from users of the resource. Thus, as Regional Fishery Management Councils develop specific Fishery Management Plans (FMP), the Secretary has promulgated rules for the issuance and use of a vessel Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system and vessel logbooks to obtain fishery-dependent data to monitor, evaluate, and enforce fishery regulations. This comprehensive system accounts for fishing activity and landings necessary to enforce and monitor management measures intended to prevent or eliminate overfishing.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that conservation and management measures must prevent overfishing while achieving, on a continuing basis, the optimum yield from each fishery. These measures must be based on the best scientific information available. The use of an IVR system and logbooks are essential ingredients in the management of fishery resources. Section 303(a)(5) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act specifically identifies the kinds of data to be collected for FMPs, and NOAA Fisheries obtains much of these data through IVR and logbooks.

In addition to vessel logbook requirements, vessels with red crab limited access permits, or vessels bearing a Exempted (Experimental) Fishing Permit (EFP) with IVR reporting as a condition of the EFP, are required to submit a catch report via the IVR. In order to monitor catch levels in a timely manner, so that effort controls can be implemented before catch limits are attained, catch reports must be submitted within 24 hours after offloading. The collection for red crab is authorized at 50 CFR 648.7(b)(2)(iii). Bearers of an EFP with an IVR reporting requirement must call within 24 hours of the start of a fishing trip and within 24 of landing and offloading. The authorization for the collection of EFP catch reports is at § 600.745(c)(2). Reports are submitted to the IVR using a toll-free telephone number. The information necessary for IVR catch reports is a fraction of that required by vessel logbooks.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information will be disseminated to the public or used to

support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

The information collected using vessel IVR will be used by several offices of NOAA Fisheries, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Mid-Atlantic and New England Fishery Management Councils, and state fishery enforcement agencies under contract to NOAA Fisheries to develop, implement, and monitor fishery management strategies. Analyses and summarization of IVR data are used by NOAA Fisheries, the Council, the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, the fishing industry, Congressional staff, and the public, to answer questions about the nature of our fisheries resources.

Vessel IVR

The following information will be collected through the vessel IVR system from vessels issued a red crab limited access permit, or an EFP with IVR reporting as a condition of the permit. This information is currently collected from vessels issued a limited access tilefish permit, or herring permit.

Species Code. In order to differentiate between species, vessels will be required to report a species code. This information is necessary to ensure that landings for each species is kept separate.

Federal Fisheries Vessel Permit Number. In order to monitor catch on an individual basis, it is necessary to collect the Federal permit number from the vessel.

EFP Trip Identifier. This field is only required for the EFP portion of the IVR. This EFP identifier is necessary to track catch and effort for each individual EFP project.

Total Landings and State. Landings information is necessary in order to monitor catch levels in a timely manner.

It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. NOAA Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response #10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

The IVR system uses an entirely automated voice response system that tracks respondent information in an Oracle database. This system is an automated electronic information collection system.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

Some of the information supplied in the IVR is also included in the Fishing Vessel Trip Report (FVTR) logbook. However, the IVR supplies nearly real-time information necessary to accurately track quota and effort and is able to distinguish unique EFP trips which the FVTR is unable to do.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize the burden.

The IVR system requests only the most essential information necessary to monitor fishing catch and effort. Most of the callers to the IVR system are likely to be considered small businesses.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

Monthly submissions of the FVTR are not timely enough to effectively monitor the total allowable catch (TAC) for the red crab limited access vessels. In addition, the FVTR does not notify management that a fishing trip is starting as the EFP portion of the IVR does. Without the IVR for EFP trips, management would require paper submissions from the applicant in order to monitor catch.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

The data collection is consistent with OMB guidelines, except that it requires information to be reported more frequently than quarterly. The circumstances for this need are fully described in Item 6.

8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A notice was published in the Federal Register (attached) on November 28, 2003 describing the proposed collection and giving the public 60 days to comment on the collection. The comment period ended on January 27, 2003. No comments were received.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

There are no gifts or payments given or received as a result of this collection.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

All data will be kept confidential as required by section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and will not be released for public use except in aggregate statistical form without identification as to its source.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

No sensitive questions are asked.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

Revised Public and Federal Estimate of Reporting Burden Hours and Cost						
Report	No. of Respondents	No. of Annual Responses per Respondent	Total No. of Annual Responses	Response Time (Hours)	Total Burden (Hours)	Public Cost (\$)
Red Crab IVR	5	24	120	0.067	8.04	\$0
EFP IVR	50	5	250	0.067	16.75	\$0
Total (+)	55	N/A	370	N/A	24.79	\$0

The IVR burden is estimated to be 4 minutes to complete the phone call, including one minute to summarize the information and three minutes to call-in the information. There are only 5 vessels with limited access permits in the red crab fishery. The number of EFP respondents is based on the number of EFPs issued in previous years and the projected number of EFPs expected to be issued on an annual basis.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).

No special equipment or technology is needed to comply with the reporting requirements reflected in this submission. The IVR system requires only a telephone to call in reports

via a toll-free number. Aside from the cost in time to summarize and call in an IVR report, there will be no additional cost burden for respondents.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

This submission will not incur additional annualized costs to the Federal government beyond what is already accounted for in the IVR portion of the current submission of OMB 0648-0212 (\$11,113).

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.

The program changes are due to adoption of new regulations mandating reporting via the IVR for the red crab limited access permit holders and a change in policy to require EFP catch reports and trip notification via the IVR system. These program changes have led to only a small increase in the total estimated burden hours to the logbook family of forms (+24.79).

In addition, an adjustment is made to correct the effect of a typographical error in an 83-C worksheet sent to OMB (Ruth Solomon) on April 14, 2004, where the number of respondents was stated as 4,290 whereas the correct number was 4,920. In this submission, the number of respondents is increased by 55, making the new total 4,975.

An adjustment is also made here to correct the percentage of responses collected electronically. The current approval shows 100%, which reflected the incremental responses in a previous revision, rather than the percentage of the total, which should have been shown as 17% (14,000/80,190). The current revision adds 370 responses, all electronic, so the percentage in this revision is 18% (14,370/80,560).

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

Results from this collection may be used in scientific, management, technical, or general informational publications such as Fisheries of the United States, which follows prescribed statistical tabulations and summary table formats. Data are available to the general public on request in summary form only; data are available to NOAA Fisheries employees in detailed form on a need-to-know basis only. There are plans to make some of the EFP summary data available on the web as a tool to guide future research projects.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

There are no forms on which to display an expiration date with the IVR system.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.

There are no exemptions to the certification statement.

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL
METHODS**

This collection does not employ any statistical methods.



NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Northeast Regional Office/Fisheries Statistics Office



Reporting Codes

Deep-Sea Red Crab Landings Reporting Instructions for using the NMFS Call-in IVR System

Confidential Vessel Code assigned to:

Vessel Name: «VES»

Hull Number: «HULL»

Federal Permit Number: «NUM»

Vessel Code: «CODE»

- Both Permit Number and Vessel Code are needed to access the IVR call-in system.
- Vessel Codes should be kept private and not disclosed to others.
- If you lose your confidential Vessel Code or cannot access the IVR call-in system, please contact the Fisheries Statistics Office at (978) 281-9209. A new code will be mailed to you.

2004 Red Crab Vessel Worksheet for the NMFS Interactive Voice Response System

This worksheet is an example of the information needed to submit red crab landings. It may be copied and used as a personal record for each trip report submitted using the IVR call-in system. Worksheets should not be submitted to NMFS.

Call phone number: 1-888-284-4904

1. Press 2 for vessel reporting.
2. Enter your 6 digit permit number and 5 digit vessel code (you may **not** want to write this down).

Permit Number							Vessel Code				

3. Press 4 to report red crab landing information.
4. Enter the landing confirmation number you received from the DAS call-in system.

DAS Landing Confirmation Number

5. Enter the pounds of red crab landed.

Pounds of Red Crab Landed

6. Enter the catch composition:
 - Press 1 for whole red crab.
 - Press 2 for butchered red crab.
 - Press 3 for partially processed red crab.

Confirmation Number for this Call*											

* Note: As of January 27, 2004, you will only receive one confirmation number for each call you make to the upgraded IVR call-in system; you will no longer receive multiple confirmation numbers within each call.

This collection is authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et. seq.) The information will be used in the management of the deep-sea red crab fishery. Send comments regarding this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester MA 01930-2298. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Northeast Regional Office/Fisheries Statistics Office



Reporting Codes

Experimental Exempted Fishing Permit Trip Reporting Instructions for using the NMFS Call-in IVR System

Confidential code assigned to:

Applicant: [NAME HERE]

For: [Project Name]

4-digit Code: ****

- Vessel Permit Number for the vessel that engaged in the EFP trip and the EFP Code are both needed to submit entries through the IVR system.
- Codes should be kept private and not disclosed to others.

Reporting Instructions

Experimental Exempted Fishing Permit Trip Reporting using the NMFS Call-in IVR System

This Experimental Exempted Fishing Permit Call-in system is designed to collect information from vessels using a touch-tone telephone. Vessels must submit a call-in report at the start **and** end of each EFP trip. If you do not have a touch tone phone or you have any changes/corrections to make to any previously reported trip, please contact your local port agent (list attached).

➤ Before each trip

Call within 24 hours of leaving port to report that you are starting a EFP trip.

To report the start of your EFP trip: Call **1-888-284-4904**

- 1) To enter the start of a EFP trip report, Press **3**
- 2) Enter the 6 digit vessel permit number followed by the # key
- 3) Enter your 4 digit EFP code followed by the # key
- 4) Press 1 to report the start of your EFP trip
- 5) Stay on the line to hear your confirmation number

Remember to report the end of your trip via the IVR Call-in system

➤ At the end of each trip

Call within 24 hours of landing and offloading to report the amount of species landed (see the reporting worksheet for a list of the species).

- Landing reports must be submitted whether or not you land fish.
- To submit a negative report, please enter "0" pounds for the state you land in and species you targeted.
- When submitting landings for a particular species, you do not need to report negative or "0" for species you did not land. It will be assumed that you did not land those species for which you do not report.

To report landings: Call **1-888-284-4904**

- 1) To enter landings from a EFP trip, Press **7**
- 2) Enter the 6 digit vessel permit number followed by the # key
- 3) Enter your 4 digit EFP code followed by the # key
- 4) Press 2 to report the end of your EFP trip
- 5) Enter the 2 digit state code (where fish were landed) followed by the # key *
- Press **1** if correct, Press **2** if incorrect and you need to re-enter
- 6) Enter the 2 digit species code followed by the # key
- Press **1** if correct, Press **2** if incorrect and you need to re-enter
- 7) Enter the amount of pounds landed followed by the # key
- Press **1** if correct, Press **2** if incorrect and you need to re-enter
- 8) Press **1** to get a confirmation number and exit the system
- Press **2** to enter landings for another species
- Press **3** to enter landings for another state

*** State codes should be reported as the state where fish were originally landed.**

Reporting Worksheet

Experimental Exempted Fishing Permit Trip Reporting using the NMFS Call-in IVR System

This worksheet is an example of the information needed to submit landings of species from EFP vessels. It may be copied and used as a personal record for each weekly report submitted using the IVR system.

Call phone number: **1-888-284-4904**

- 1) Press 7 to enter landings.
- 2) Enter your 6 digit vessel permit number and your 4 digit EFP code

Vessel Number							EFP Code			

- 3) Follow the prompts to enter landings.

Species name	Species Code	State Code	Pounds Landed

List of species codes

cod	1	striped bass / rockfish	22	green sea turtle	43
haddock	2	atlantic sturgeon	23	hawksbill turtle	44
red hake	3	short-nose sturgeon	24	unidentified sea turtle	45
whiting	4	golden tilefish	25	little skate	46
monkfish	5	hagfish	26	little skate wings	47
monkfish tails	6	bluefish	27	winter skate	48
ocean pout	7	atlantic herring	28	winter skate wings	49
pollock	8	atlantic mackerel	29	little/winter skate	50
redfish / ocean perch	9	spiny dogfish	30	little /winter skate wing	51
american plaice/ sea dab	10	surf clam	31	rosette skate	52
blackback/ winter flounder	11	ocean quahog	32	rosette skate wings	53
southern flounder	12	horseshoe crab	33	barndoor skate	54
fourspot flounder	13	jonah crab	34	barndoor skate wings	55
witch flounder	14	red crab	35	smooth skate	56
sand dab / windowpane	15	lobster	36	smooth skate wings	57
summer flounder	16	sea scallop	37	thorny skate	58
yellowtail	17	illex squid	38	thorny skate wings	59
halibut	18	loligo squid	39	clearnose skate	60
greenland halibut	19	loggerhead sea turtle	40	clearnose skate wings	61
black sea bass	20	leatherback sea turtle	41	unclassified skate	62
scup	21	kemps ridley	42	unclassified skate wings	63

List of state codes

Maine	22	Connecticut	07	Delaware	08	South Carolina	43
New Hampshire	32	New York	35	Maryland	23	Georgia	13
Massachusetts	24	New Jersey	33	Virginia	49	Florida	10
Rhode Island	42	Pennsylvania	41	North Carolina	36	Louisiana	21

This collection is authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et. seq.) The information will be used in the management of the fisheries of the Northeastern United States. Send comments regarding this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester MA 01930-2298. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 19, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.112103C]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NOAA Space-Based Data Collection System (DCS) Agreements.

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Robert Bassett at 301-757-5681 or at Robert.Bassett@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NOAA operates two space-based data collection systems: the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) Data Collection System and the Argos Data Collection System. Both systems are operated to support environmental applications. Since the entire capacity of the systems is not used by NOAA, this extra capacity is made available to other users who meet

certain criteria set forth in 15 CFR Part 911.

II. Method of Collection

Applications are submitted on paper forms, which can be mailed or faxed to NOAA.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0157.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 390.

Estimated Time Per Respon: 3 hours for a GOES application, and 1 hour for an Argos application.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 440.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$488.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 19, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.112103D]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Red Crab and Exempted Fishing Permit Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System Collection

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Vessels with red crab limited access permits, or vessels bearing an Exempted (Experimental) Fishing Permit (EFP), are required to report their catches. This submission seeks to authorize the collection of this information via an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system. The collection of information in this manner is necessary to monitor catch levels in a timely manner, so that effort controls can be implemented before catch limits are attained. The information necessary for IVR catch reports is a fraction of that required by vessel logbooks.

The collection of catch data for red crab is authorized at 50 CFR 648.7(b)(iii), which requires catch reports to be submitted via IVR within 24 hours after offloading. The authorization for the collection of EFP catch reports is at § 600.745(c)(2).

Currently the reports are submitted in paper form, but NOAA proposes that some bearers of an EFP be subject to an IVR reporting requirement and be required to call within 24 hours of the start of a fishing trip and within 24 hours of landing and offloading.

II. Method of Collection

The IVR system is an automated system that operates electronically. The respondent is prompted to enter data via the keypad of the telephone. It is a toll-free call.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0212.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 19, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of applications for research permits (1185, 1280, 1452) and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received applications for a permit for scientific research from Natural Resource Scientists, Inc (NRS) in Red Bluff, CA (1185), Turlock Irrigation District (TID) in Turlock, CA (1280), and California Rivers Restoration Fund (CRRF) in El Dorado, CA (1452). The permits would affect federally threatened Central Valley steelhead. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit applications for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on December 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the permit applications should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review by appointment, for permits 1185, 1280, and 1452: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (ph:916-930-3614, fax: 916-930-3629). Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 3226 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosalie del Rosario at phone number 916-930-3614, or e-mail: Rosalie.delRosario@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage

of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to federally threatened Central Valley steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

Applications Received

NRS requests a 5-year permit (1185) for take of adult and juvenile Central Valley steelhead to monitor outmigrant salmonids in the Merced River. NRS requests authorization for an estimated annual take of 5 adult and 10 juvenile Central Valley steelhead (with no incidental mortality) resulting from capturing, measuring, and releasing fish.

TID requests a 5-year permit (1280) for take of adult and juvenile Central Valley steelhead to study the relationship between fall-run Chinook salmon outmigration patterns and flow fluctuation patterns in the Tuolumne River. TID requests authorization for an estimated annual take of 36 juvenile Central Valley steelhead (number includes 3 percent incidental mortality) and 5 adult Central Valley steelhead (no incidental mortality) resulting from seining, trapping, electrofishing, and angling activities. CRRF requests a 3-year permit (1452) to measure and collect scale samples from adult *O. mykiss* using hook and line and adult carcasses in the lower Tuolumne River. CRRF requests authorization for an estimated annual take of 340 adult Central Valley steelhead, with less than 1 percent incidental mortality, resulting from capture by hook and line fishing.